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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR  
DESIGN  
PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**

Declaration Submitted With Initial Filing

OR

Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16 (e)) required)

Attorney Docket Number	03-0040
First Named Inventor	Houser et al.
<b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>	
Application Number	
Filing Date	
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

INTEGRATED LAUNDRY SUSPENSION SYSTEM

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)  as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number  and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)  (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? Yes	Certified Copy Attached? No
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Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

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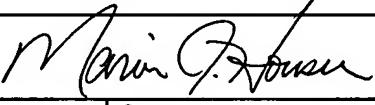
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## DECLARATION — Utility or Design Patent Application

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
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Additional inventors or a legal representative are being named on the 1 supplemental sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A or 02LR attached hereto.

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**DECLARATION****ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)**  
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<b>Name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor			
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Marvin J. Houser, Robert S. Feldmann, Joseph A. KnoppApplication No./Patent No.: Not yet assigned Filed/Issue Date: HerewithEntitled: INTEGRATED LAUNDRY SUSPENSION SYSTEMFreudenberg-NOK General Partnership, a general partnership,

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1.  the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
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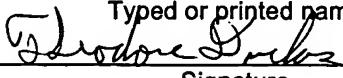
The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

March 24, 2004

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Date

Theodore G. Duclos

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Technology Officer

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Title

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Attorney Docket 03-0040

**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to as Assignors, have invented

**INTEGRATED LAUNDRY SUSPENSION SYSTEM**

for which Assignors are filing a United States Utility Patent Application concurrently herewith; and

WHEREAS, **Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership**, having a place of business at 47690 East Anchor Court, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignors by this written document do sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee and its successors in interest, the full and exclusive right in the United States of America and all foreign countries, including the right to claim priority under the laws of the United States and the Paris Convention, to the said invention described above, said invention and all United States applications for patent and all Letters Patent therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignors had this assignment and sale not been made; and Assignors hereby covenant and agree to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of United States application for patent and all foreign countries on, for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title to the said invention; the United States application for patent, or Letters Patent therefore for the benefit of Assignee without further or other compensation than that above set forth; and Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States of America to Assignee.

Date: 11 Feb 2004

By: Marvin Joseph Houser  
Marvin Joseph Houser

Date: 10 Feb 2004

By: Robert Stuart Feldmann  
Robert Stuart Feldmann

Date: 11 FEB 2004

By: Joseph A. Knöpp  
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Title	INTEGRATED LAUNDRY SUSPENSION SYSTEM
Art Unit	Not yet assigned
Examiner Name	Not yet assigned
Attorney Docket Number	03-0040

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 Practitioners at Customer Number:

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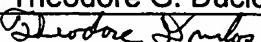
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Applicant/Inventor.

Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)**SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record**

Name	Dr. Theodore G. Duclos, Chief Technical Officer		
Signature			
Date	March 24, 2004	Telephone	734-354-5476

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below\*.

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